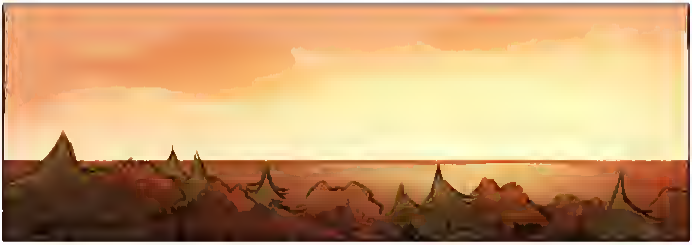
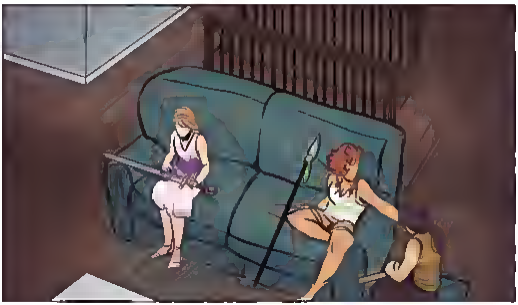
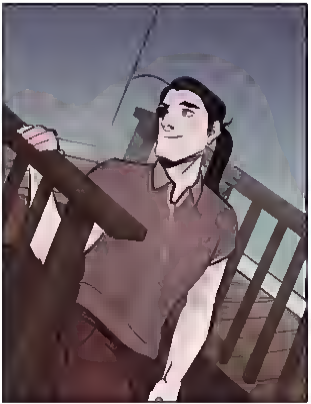
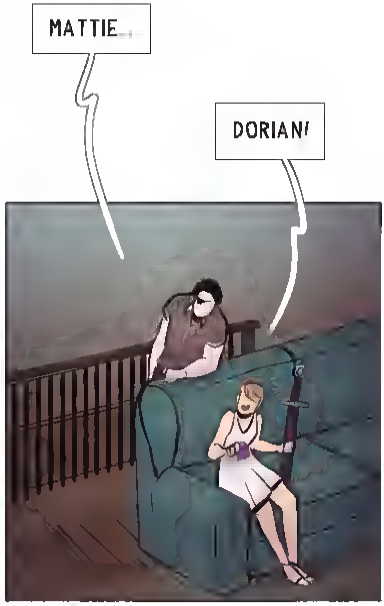
UNDER THE AEGIS

BY VIMEODIEE

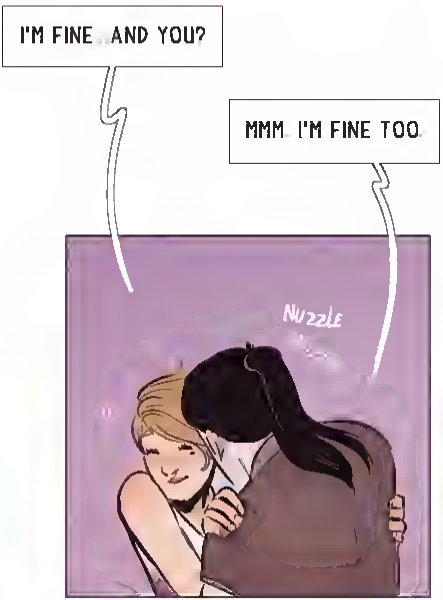







MATTIE...
DORIAN!

HOW ARE YOU?

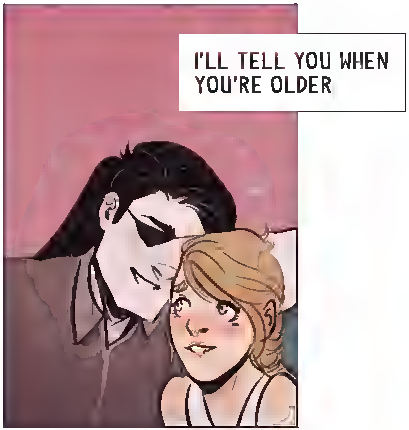

I'M FINE... AND YOU?
MMM. I'M FINE TOO.
NUZZLE

WOOOW, WE'RE STILL HERE, YOU KNOW
PERHAPS WE SHOULD LEAVE

HEY DOR. THERE Y'ARE!
WE WERE WAITING FOR YA. WE'RE GONNA TRY AND FIGURE OUT THE RITUAL--

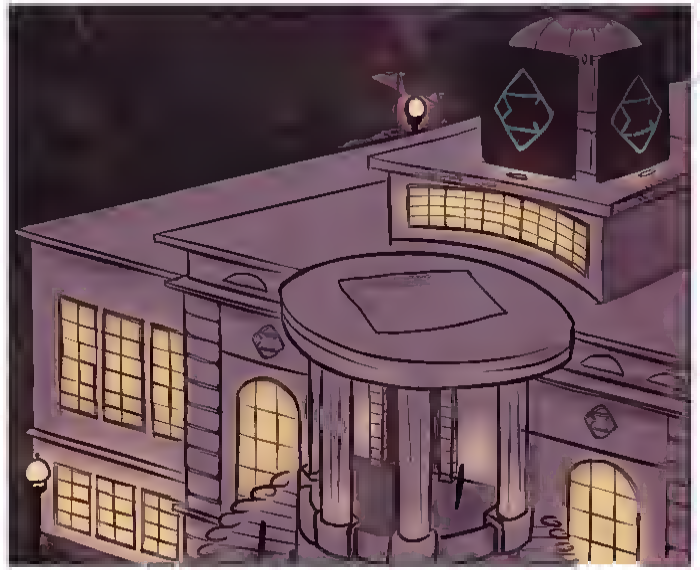
--*WHOA* HAS THE VIBE OF THIS PLACE CHANGED OR IS IT JUST ME?

DOR, YOU BEEN SLEEPIN' BETTER? NEVER SEEN YOU LOOK SO RELAXED, DUDE

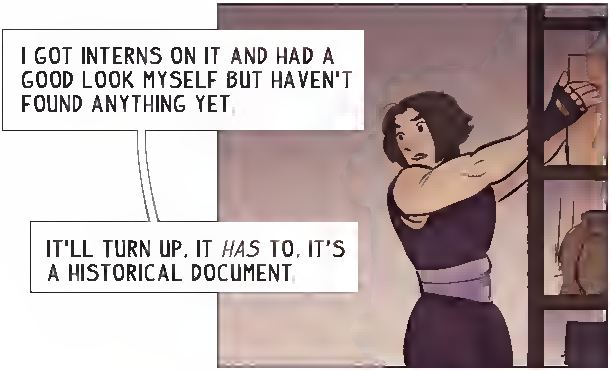

I'LL TELL YOU WHEN YOU'RE OLDER

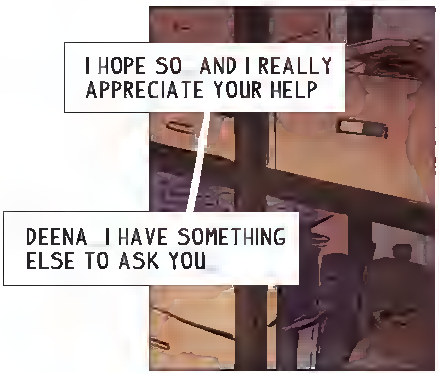
WAIT, WHAT'S *THAT* SUPPOSED TO MEAN--
UH, CAN WE TRY THE CHANT TOGETHER?

YES! YES! UM. L-LET'S TRY IT NOW. THANK YOU, SHILOH!



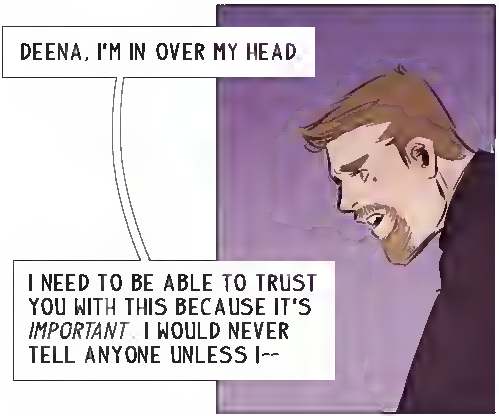
...AND NOW WE THINK THAT THE THALASSANS HAVE ARRIVED ON OUR SHORES, BUT THEY'RE STILL OUTSIDE BASILEIA SO TECHNICALLY WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT YET.
WE'LL HAVE TO START A DIALOGUE WITH THEM IMMEDIATELY. THIS JUST GETS WORSE AND WORSE.
WERE YOU ABLE TO GET ANY-WHERE WITH THE CHARTER?

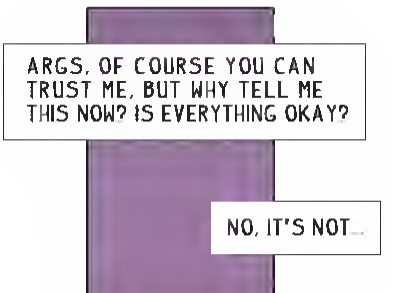

I GOT INTERNS ON IT AND HAD A GOOD LOOK MYSELF BUT HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING YET
IT'LL TURN UP. IT *HAS* TO. IT'S A HISTORICAL DOCUMENT


I HOPE SO. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP
DEENA. I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO ASK YOU

IF YOU FIND ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS... OR ANYTHING THAT ALLUDES TO IT...

A STAFF?
ARGUS. *ARGUS.* YOU DON'T MEAN THAT YOU'VE FOUND THE LOST W--

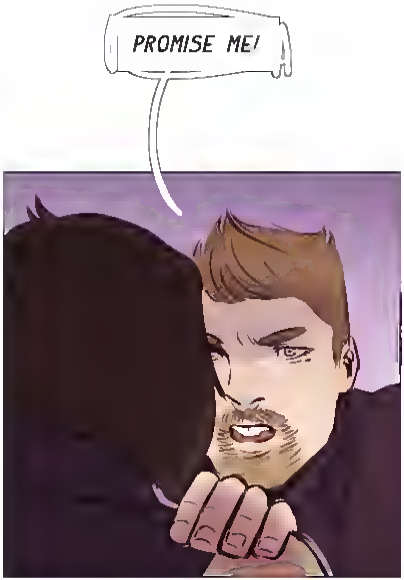

DEENA, I'M IN OVER MY HEAD.
I NEED TO BE ABLE TO TRUST YOU WITH THIS BECAUSE IT'S *IMPORTANT*. I WOULD NEVER TELL ANYONE UNLESS I--

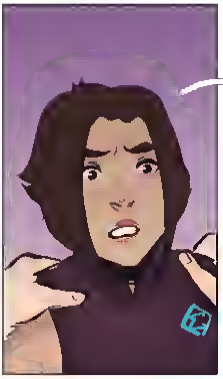

ARGS, OF COURSE YOU CAN TRUST ME, BUT WHY TELL ME THIS NOW? IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
NO, IT'S NOT...

DEENA. THERE'S A CHANCE THE SYNEDRION MAY BE COMPROMISED. DON'T ASK ME HOW I KNOW.

AND IF *ANYTHING* SHOULD HAPPEN TO ME I NEED YOU TO PROMISE TO LOOK FOR THIS STAFF. AND TO KEEP THE WIELDERS SAFE.

WHAT ARE YOU *TALKING* ABOUT. WHY WOULD YOU EVEN THINK THAT?


PROMISE ME!



ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, I PROMISE!

BUT YOU GOTTA PROMISE *ME* THAT YOU'LL LET ME KNOW IF YOU'RE IN ANY TROUBLE OKAY?

BREATHE IN...
HOLD THE BREATH...AND SLOWLY...EXHALE.

FOCUS ONLY ON THE SOUND OF MY VOICE...
NOW, WE SAY TOGETHER:
FOR WE ARE ONE AND THE SAME.

TWITCH

WHOA! DID YOU GUYS SEE? I THINK SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT TIME! IT'S WORKING!

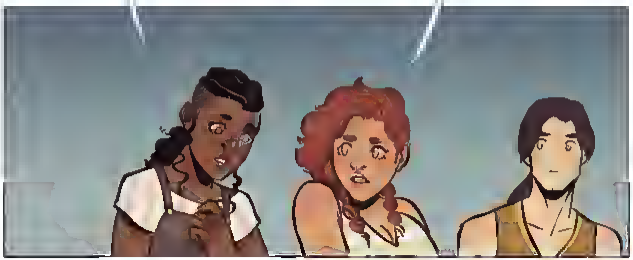
I'M *EXHAUSTED* THOUGH... WHO KNEW REPEATING THE SAME WORDS OVER AND OVER WOULD BE SO TIRING?

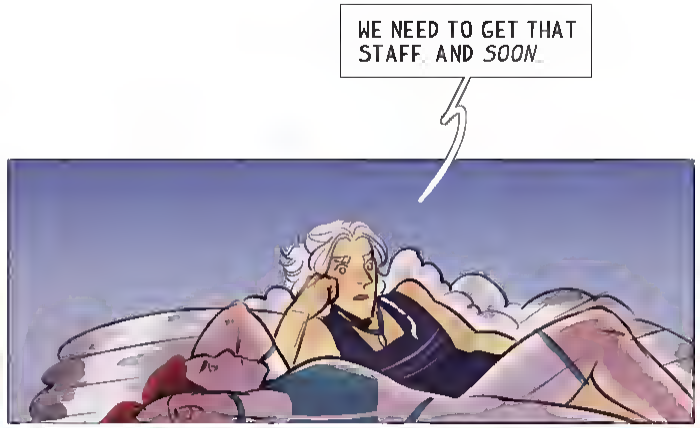
BUT IT FELT...GOOD. LIKE WE WERE REALLY LINKED TO EACH OTHER!

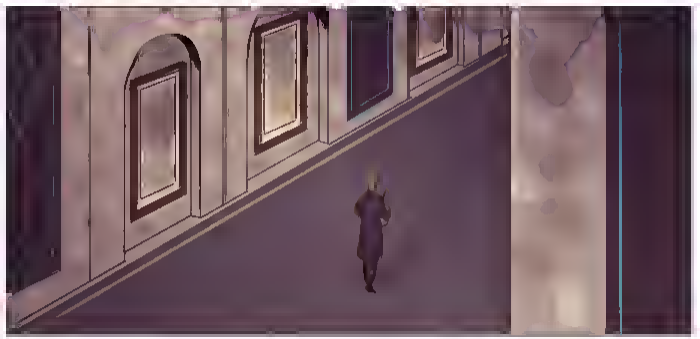
IT FEELS LIKE IT WAS MORE THAN SAYING THE WORDS...

JUST LETTING THE ENERGY FLOW THROUGH US AND NOT THINKING OF ANYTHING ELSE.

AND IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE WHEN WE GET YOUR STAFF.




WE NEED TO GET THAT STAFF. AND *SOON*.



WHAT AM I--?
WHY DID I COME THROUGH HERE?

COME ON ARGUS, WAKE UP

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ISN'T THAT THE--?

THIS IS THE ORIGINAL CHARTER!

WHO ON *EARTH* MOVED YOU ALL THE WAY OVER HERE?

...HUH?

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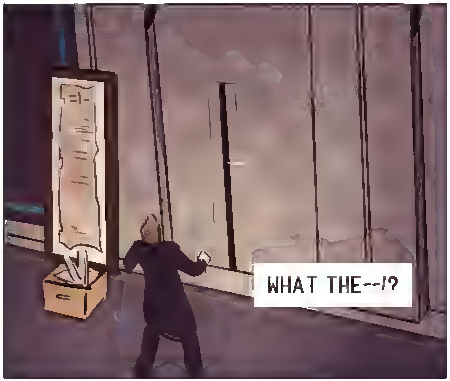
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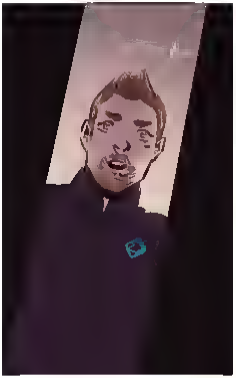

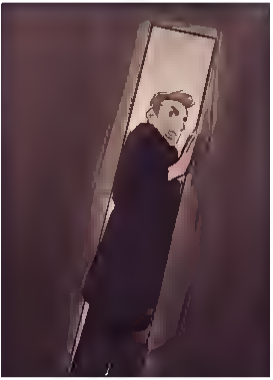

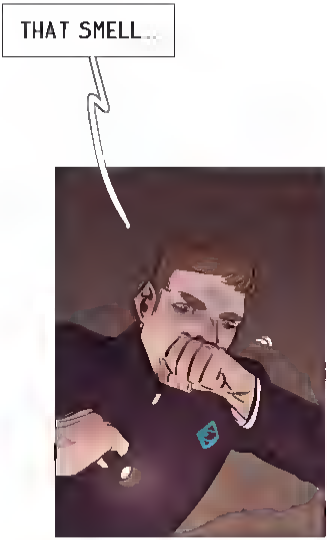
THAT SMELL...

WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE?
YOU SAVED US A LOT OF TROUBLE BY STUMBLING DOWN HERE YOURSELF
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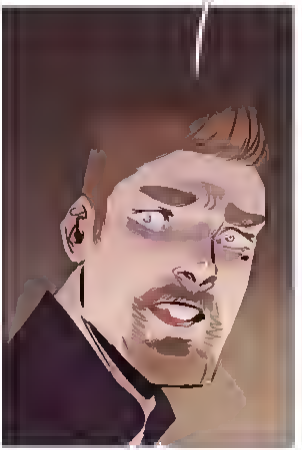
NO...

IT *CAN'T* BE YOU--



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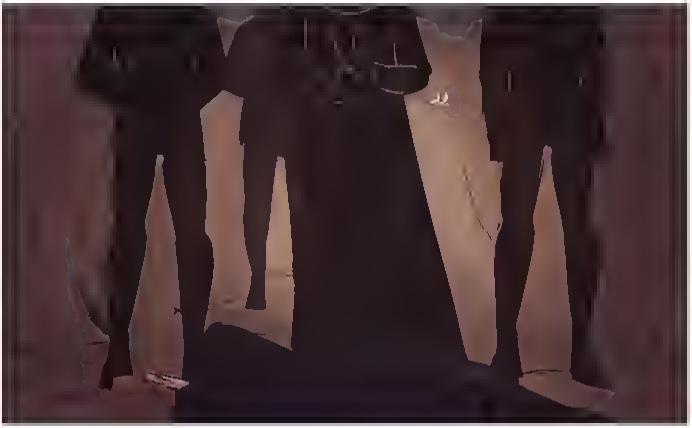

TAKE HIM AWAY.